

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

25<sup>TH</sup> COMBAT AVIATION BRIGADE 25<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION SCHOFIELD BARRACKS HI 96857-6000

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Welcome to the 25<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) of the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. The 25<sup>th</sup> CAB is the premier Combat Aviation Brigade in the Pacific with a reputation of excellence earned through multiple deployments from Vietnam to Iraq and most recently Afghanistan. The Aviation Brigade is located on historic Wheeler Army Airfield, on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. It is set against the backdrop of the Waianae Mountains on the plains of Leilehua, where Hawaiian Warriors once assembled to do battle. Wheeler is also one of the Army's oldest, most historic airfields and has a proud tradition of service in the Pacific Theatre.

Your assignment with the 25<sup>th</sup> CAB promises to be a challenging and rewarding experience. The Brigade consists of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 6<sup>th</sup> United States Calvary (Reconnaissance); 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment (Attack); 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment (Assault); 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment (General Support); and the 209<sup>th</sup> Aviation Support Battalion. We train, around the world to sustain our readiness for the worldwide contingency deployments, resulting in our success during multiple combat deployments in support of the global war on terrorism in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

The mission, organization, and capabilities of the Brigade, as well as the overseas location, provide for unique and fulfilling leadership opportunities. We are also extremely fortunate for the support of the local community that truly understands the importance of our mission, and provide our Soldiers with all of the benefits of being an integral part of the Hawaiian Ohana (Family).

The leaders, Soldiers and Families of the Brigade want to ensure that your assignment to Hawaii is the best you have ever experienced. That experience begins with ensuring you and your Family is properly welcomed from the time you receive your assignment to your arrival on the island. A sponsor will be assigned to you who will answer any questions and help with your transition.

Our homepage at <a href="http://www.25idl.army.mil/25">http://www.25idl.army.mil/25</a> cab.html will provide you and your Family with valuable information and links to website critical to newcomers who are transitioning to this division and to Hawaii. Two great online resources are the Military One Source at <a href="https://www.militaryonesource.com">https://www.militaryonesource.com</a> or the Hawaii MWR website at <a href="http://www.himwr.com/support-services/relocating-to-hawaii">http://www.himwr.com/support-services/relocating-to-hawaii</a>. These site offer general information and numerous links to a variety of topics and frequently asked questions regarding most aspects of Army life.

If you have any questions or inquiries about the 25<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, feel free to contact the BDE S1 NCOIC at 808-656-3217or <a href="mailto:charlie.pepinrivera.mil@mail.mil">charlie.pepinrivera.mil@mail.mil</a> or the BDE S1 OIC at 808-656-3551 or <a href="mailto:jorge.deltoro.mil@mail.mil">jorge.deltoro.mil@mail.mil</a>.

"Wings of Lightning!"

"Lele Makou No Na Puali"

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